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## *Thinking Out Loud*

By H. M. L.

Probably there has never been a time in the history of the United States, at least since the Civil War and Reconstruction days, when a heavier responsibility rested on the shoulders of the electorate than now in choosing members of congress. Stout hearts and clear heads, constructive thinking. wide grasp of world events and an understanding of the role this country must play not only in war, but also in peace, should be elementary requirements demanded by the electorate of all congressional candidates.

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The work of a congressman for the next decade is likely to be a man-killing job. We note an editorial in one of our exchanges, referring to the efforts of our late Congressman Harry L. Englebright to soften the drastic blow of the gold mine closing order. The editor says: "(He) worked day and night upon the various aspects of the closing, perhaps gave his life to the cause of the mining industry." We do not think this should be dismissed as a bit of sentiment. On the contrary it points clearly to the hard, strenuous life now demanded of those who represent us in congress.

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We do quarrel, however, with the restricted outlook reflected in the above viewpoint. What does it avail us to save the part and lose the whole? We who live close to the gold mining industry are too prone to magnify its part in the whole picture. Throughout the country, this is characteristic. Our national debt is a sad monument to the purely local viewpoint, each congressional district seeking its own local advantage to the detriment of the whole country. It is due to this viewpoint that we have no national foreign policy, that we drift aimlessly in world affairs and have already drifted into two catastrophic world wars.

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Washington is frequently described as a "mad house". We think even this may be an understatement. Into the maelstrom of powerful, feuding bureaus and government agencies, and contending pressure blocs, of which the executive bloc is not the least, we send our congressmen, too often without testing or training on the home grounds.

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Speaking generally, the American people have sent too many local characters to congress. Their interests were neighborhood interests. They thought they had done a good job for their districts when they brought home the bacon. a Bonneville dam, a Muscle Shoals, a harbor improvement. To bring home this pork it was necessary for the majority of congress, each one, to trade his vote with another.

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For instance, the Bonneville Dam cost the American people by and large the price of all New Deal improvements and reforms. To bring home the bacon Republicans sold out their party and their constituencies. Somebody whispered in their ear: "The credit of this country has no bottom. If you will vote for this measure, providing a free government porous plaster for every lame back in the United States, I will see to it that you have umpty ump millions to spend in your district."

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Thus we ran the national debt up to $35,000,000,000 for the abundant life, even before war was mentioned. Our president stayed in office, and most of our congressmen who brought home the bacon, also were reelected time and again, all because of the universal lure of bacon. It was, of of course an old trick, but it was new in its startling magnitude.

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But with war costs on top of New Deal costs, and some items are curiously intermingled, that "part of the people" who were

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## DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR TO AID TAXPAYERS

Deputy Collectors of the Internal Revenue will assist persons required to file estimated federal income tax returns before September 15th, Collector of Internal Revenue, Harold A. Berliner announced today.

All persons with income tax problems were advised by the collector to visit the field deputies and obtain information relative to their particular difficulties.

All deputies stationed in these various districts will have a supply of income tax forms.

The places and the time deputies will be on duty are listed below. J. Creagmile will be available as follows:

August 25-26 — Roseville, City Hall.

August 27-28 — Auburn, Hotel Freeman.

August 30—Truckee, Hotel Riverside.

August 31—Loyalton, Clover Valley Lumber Company.

September 1-7—Nevada City, City Hall.

September 8-15 — Grass Valley, Post Office.

## PARENTS TOLD WAY TO AVOID POLIOMYELITIS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The Northern California offices of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has issued an appeal to the public asking them to immediately contact chapter headquarters of the organization in any of the forty-eight counties whenever aid is needed to assist polio cases.

Dan Marivoch, organization director, states that funds are available in all chapter headquarters, and persons afflicted are urged to immediately get in touch with the medical officials or representatives in their resepective communities. Marovich said that all information is available to the public and each chapter is authorized to give medical and financial assistance.

These chapters were organized with the funds contributed by the public in the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis campaign each year and that is what the money is for, said Marivich. It is just such epidemics as this that the people subscribed funds to combat, and all communities are urged to avail themselves of the service.

In a directive from the medical department issued by Marovich's headquarters, Kohl Building, San Francisco, parents are advised they should keep their children away from crowds and strangers and at home as much as possible. Children should not be allowed to become overtired. They should observe regular hours of sleep and rest and should receive plenty of nourishing, wholesome food.

Nnnecessary travel, particularly in busses and trains which are now crowded should be avoided. Previous experience has shown that the spread of the disease is not influenced by the closing of theatres, schools and churches. Therefore ,medical authorities do not recommend any action along these lines. If swimming pools are properly supervised and operated, especially salt water plunges, their closing is not recommended. Marovich stated that physicians stress immediate treatment, if possible, before there has been any sign of muscular weakness or crippling. Children should be put to bed if there are signs of illness.

## Joseph Widauf And Bride Visit Old Home

Joseph Widauf, U. S. Navy, and his bride, the former Miss Helen Brown of Happy Camp, Siskiyou County, married last Tuesday in Reno, began their honeymoon in this city yesterday.

Young Widauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Widauf, formerly residents here but now living in Happy Camp, enlisted in the navy before war was declared and lived through the attack on Pearl Harbor. The parents of the bride live in Happy Camp.

SECOND INSTALLMENT
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## *GOD'S COUNTRY*

(By EDW. C. UREN)

**The Eagle Bird, a half mile above the Yuba, had sunk a 400 foot shaft as early as 1873. It is probably better known than the other mines because it has operated at three or four different periods in the past.**

During its heyday in the '80s it maintained a hotel, saloon and a dozen or more family houses. A public school was situated half way to the Yuba and Al McKee had a saloon and hotel also between the two mines.

It is also claimed that the Eagle Bird paid literally from the grass roots. It was worked most intensively along about 1889 when Henry Callahan managed the mine and during his regime, for a time, the ore was so rich that the plates had to be scraped every three or four hours to keep them in condition.

Between 1898 and 1909, the mine was operated off and on during litigation, which was finally decided in favor of the old company in the latter year, but the entire plant was shortly after totally destroyed by fire.

The vein has a dip of 65 degrees and while it is entirely within the granite area, the vein itself is enclosed in a dark chlorite schist. In places it is from 18 to 30 feet between the walls. The shaft is 850 feet deep and the pay shoot is 600 feet in length T.he mining bureau report in 1886 sas the sulphides ran $170 in gold and $80 in silver. The total yield of the mine is stated to be about 3 million dollars.

About six years ago an Arizona company reopened the mine and for a few months did some development in the upper reaches of the shaft, but according to those familiar with the mine followed the wrong splice of the vein and as a result acomplished but little.

Just north of the Eagle Bird, on the river, is the Blue Bell, operating in 1887 on three veins, which were credited with 2 per cent sulphides having a value of from $160 to $250 the ton. The ore according to state reports, averaged $9 per ton. The ore body, it is rumored, has been cut off by a fault in depth, but I have never been able to verify this.

The Lindsay Brothers in the '70s had rich ore in their claims on the high ridge which they operated for about 15 years. They had a light 20-stamp mill and are reported to have taken out some $200,000.

Gaston, on the ridge seven miles above Washington, was a village of some 30 homes, with hotel, hardware store and public school. The Gaston Mine, or California as it was called, was the largest operation in the district, having a plant that cost $200,000. Power was obtained from the Bloomfield ditch under a total head of 1150 feet.

The main tunnel had been driven into the hill from Poorman Creek 4876 feet and from it considerable development was done on both the Gaston and the Gambrinus veins. The veins were from 4 to 6 feet wide and carried values as high as $40 per ton.

In 1918 W. L. Williamson, the manager, who was later fatally injured at the mine, reported that there was available 100,000 tons of ore that would yield $4 per ton, or $6.80 at the present value. At this time the mine was closed on account of the after effects of World War I and it has never since been operated. The bulk of the machinery was sold off last year for scrap.

This might seem at first as a rather inconsistent thing for the owners to do but as a matter of fact, compressors, drills, etc. of that period would be inefficient under present methods of mining.

I have before me an assay map showing samples taken from the 800, 900 and drain tunnel by Claude Ferguson in 1922. Some 128 samples show an average width of vein 4.89 feet and an average value—at $35—of $10.12 per ton.

Stoping in the Gaston seems not to have been carried along laterally

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## FOREIGN POLICY TOPIC OF ORRIN LOWELL, AUBURN

Orrin Lowell, well known attorney of Auburn in an address before the Business and Professional Women's Club of Grass Valley, spoke of the difficulties facing democracies in solving questions of international character. The speaker declared that the United States constitution was written by people who feared and hated a centralized government but who felt the need of something to keep them united. Thus the only powers invested in one person were during periods of war only.

Democracy he pointed out, is slowly declining unless the people become interested enough to revitalize it. He mentioned four factors which could aid and assist in improving and lengthening the success of democratic government as: (1) semi-annual report of the Secretary of State at a meeting before the opening of congress; (2) determination of what topics are wise to discuss; (3) Secretary of State take the public more into his confidence; (4) president give a series of talks to the public on topics of current interest and importance.

**Elections Different**

Lowell declared that in the democracies of Great Britain and the United States, there is a wide variance in the type of their voting. Here, he declared, Americans have no way of knowing whether a candidate was defeated because of the stand he took or because of the stand he didn't take. In England, if there is any doubt concerning the outcome of a certain policy, in an election is held and the viewpoint of the general public is known.

In conclusion the speaker declared that neither England or Russia can make a statement on the future for the allies, which include the United States for no one can honestly state what our foreign policy is—because we have never had one.

## ARMY MAKES ROOM FOR WAC OFFICERS

Since being accepted into the regular army of the United States, a restudy of the experience and abilities of more than 65,000 officers and enrolled women of the Women's Army Corps is being made so that the Army may make the maximum utilization of the training and civilian experience of each member of the Corps.

Under the new rulings governing the Women's Army, officer's of the WAC, may replace officers of the Army in certain operational duties. Heretofore, WAC officers have served as company officers over WAC Training Companies, as mess and supply officers in the field and at training centers.

Through increasing the opportunities of WAC officers for holding jobs of responsibility and skill, many women of exceptional talents who enlist in the Women's Army Corps will be offered the chance to put their talents into the service of their country.

The extent and exact duties in which WAC officers may replace the other officers of the Army, are now under study and will be announced later according to a War Department announcement. Under a recently-adopted policy, certain specially qualified women are being selected from civilian life as officer candidates. Women so selected take their basic training and go directly into the eight week course for officer candidates at Fort Des Moines, Ia.

The increase in operational duties for women in the Army also will offor greater opportunities for enrolled members of the Corps now on duty at Army Posts, camps and stations who will be selected for officer's training school.

**NEW NID DIRECTOR**

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors has appointed E. E. Burnett a member of the board of directors of the Nevada Irrigation District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. P. Singer, representing the fourth division of the district in Placer County.

## CALIDA LUMBER CO. RUSHES WORK IN BRANDY CITY

"Roll on wagon wheels, roll on!" That is the way it sounds. Day or night loads of heavy machinery and equipment continue to arrive for the Calida Lumber Company's project at Brandy City. The urge now is to set up a temporary saw to produce lumber for the main mill's erection. The machinery for it is arriving and being installed as rapidly as experienced men can put it into working shape. The office and office fixtures are taking on an aspect of efficient and serviceable endeavor. Stationery and forms are being printed, a goodly share by the job presses of the Messenger. The address of the company is Downieville.

In our endeavor to find suitable living quarters in house, hotel and motel we have in our note book such names as Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bedel, Robert Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goings, Floyd Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayden, Harold Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Stermer, Charles Sewell, Leroy Sly, A. F. Baumhoff. A few of these women folk have not yet arrived but will soon. Downieville has churches, schools, fraternal organizations, show house, recreation center, parent-teacher association, library and other interests to help make your stay among us pleasant and profitable.—Mountain Messenger.

## COUNTY MAY BORROW STATE FIRE EQUIPMENT

California counties and cities may legally borrow fire-fighting equipment owned by the state and assigned to the divisions of forestry, according to an opinion given today by Attorney General Robert W. Kenny.

The division of forestry purphased fire trucks, fire tools and other equipment through an act of the last session of the legislature for the purpose of providing additional fire protection throughout the state. It had been pointed out by Kenny that it was extremely difficult for the division of forestry to properly maintain and man all of this equipment. For the better protection of state forests and property it was considered desirable to place some of this equipment in the hands of counties and cities for operation.

Kenny stated that in borrowing such equipment, cities and counties would be required to provide housing, cost of operation and maintenance of the equipment, and that they, in turn, would be required to make an appropriation for such purpose.

The opinion was requested by W. H, Moore, director of natural resources.

## LOTS DRAWN FOR ANTELOPE HUNT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—California's second drawing to determine the 500 applicants who would get permits to hunt antelope was held in Sacramento on Friday, August 13, under the direction of the State Division of Fish and Game.

The drawing was attended by sportsmen and members of the press and Emil Ott, president of the Mt. Ralston Fish Planting Club, drew the first number, Mrs. Velva Roberts of Susanville. Other sportsmen assisting in the actual work of the drawing were Earl Duchow, president of the Sacramento-Sierra Sportsmen's Council, and Elmer Boss, of the Pacific Rod and Reel Club. Stockton.

A total of 3,653 applications for permits were filed, according to H. R. Dunbar, chief of the Bureau of Licenses. Notification to the 500 successful applicants was in the mail by three o'clock of the afternoon of the drawing.

Five hundred alternate numbers were drawn, and 300 of these have have been notified of their eligibility for a permit. These alternates haxe until midnight August 26th to reply if they are interested in receiving a permit, if such is available by lack of response from the persons first selected.

The open season on antelope will be from September 11 to 20, in the eastern portions of Modoc and Lassen counties. It will be a controlled hunt, and the details as to checking stations, etc. will be made known at a later date.

## Observation Tower For Airplane Observer

Through the cooperation of business firms and private citizens, George Ellsworth, chief observer of the aircraft warning service in Grass Valley, has obtained money and materials to efect a 30-foot observation tower on the high school lot near the corner of Marshall street and Park avenue. Work on the structure will be started immediately.

Labor will be contributed by the AFL Carpenters Union on Saturdays, Sundays and off hours. Three 20-foot timbers 10 inches square supplied by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will provide the base. On top of these will be a small room with three sides of glass. Paul Jenks contractor, will supervise the construction.

## Mrs. Katherine Hart of Grass Valley Passes

Mrs. Katherine Hart, widow of the late Thomas Hart, passed away at an early hour Saturday morning at her residence, 608 West Main street, Grass Valley, following a long illness.

Mrs. Hart was born in Hopbottom, Pennsylvania, and was 65 years of age. She came to California in 1898 and for some years resided in Pike City, Sierra County, removing to Grass Valley in 1916.

Surviving her are the following children: Donald Wheelock of Sausalito, Marin County, Mrs. Beatrice Jacka of Grass Valley, Mrs. Eleanor Donahue of Oakland, Mrs. Marion Kneebone of Berkeley, and Mrs. Florence Downs of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County. She also leaves two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Holmes Funeral Home, Grass Valley.

## Youth Accused of Burglary Known in Santa Rosa

Howard Williams, one of the three youths held here on a charge of burglarizing a trailer house at Boca, Nevada County, has confessed to Sheriff Tobiassen that his true name is William Maypole, and that he escaped from custody of peace officers in Santa Rosa, after arrest on a charge of burglary, about three weeks ago. The other two boys, who, with Maypole, will be arraigned Monday in juvenile court are Fred Fahrner and Elbert Thornton. None is 18 years of age.

Maypole revealed his identity after Probation Officer A. W. McGagin found he had gone to school in Santa Rosa. and learned in Santa Rosa of his arrest there.

## Downieville Families Move to Eureka

DOWNIEVILLE, Aug. 23.—Mrs. J. K. Griffith and Mrs. Howard Griffith made a hurried trip here to prepare their household effects for shipment to their home in Eureka, Calif. The night they were here they stayed at the Lusk Motel. They are vacating the house only so there will be an added accommodation for incoming employes of the Calida Lumber Company. The husbands of the women are each in charge of one of their chrome mines, one at Orleans in Humboldt county and the other in Crescent City, Del Norte county. They ship the native ore to a stockpile at Arcata a hundred miles and more, from the farthest mine.

The Griffith women had a pleasant visit with the Rev. Albert Kyburz, whose first pastorate was in the Presbyterian Church at Crescent City. There are mutual friends there. The minister of the Federated Church, Judge John L. Childs, and members of pioneer families. It was with the old historic Crescent City Courier that Mr. Kyburg stuck type by hand and later operated the linotype machine.

The Griffith families count Downieville their permanent home, as they have their placer claims and cabins here. They will return later and transport what household goods they need to Eureka.—Mountain Messenger.

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## JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder, since Il Duce took
His Humpty-Dumpty fall,
Where are the little high heeled boots
That made him seem so tall.
His memory we cannot bless,
His power fades away,
And where now are the little boots
That hid his feet of clay?

I wonder what reception will be awaiting for the next imposter who proclaims himself a super-man and attempts to seize the reins of power and lord it over his fellow-men.

Liberty loving Italy has had a most severe lesson in dictatorship during two decades past. When once liberated from the yoke of the Nazis it is inconceivable that she would submit to any future creature who rides up to designate himself the Heaven appointed ruler of her people.

Italy now has a Herculean task to perform—that is, unless she wishes to see the allies perform it for her. The entire country must be freed from Nazism and thoroughly fumigated. Rome cannot be called the Holy City so long as it is a Nazi run-way and supply depot. No one desires the destruction of treasures of time and art, but the Italians must see to it that their cherished possessions are not found in bad company.

It is to be hoped that the spirit of Garabaldi will awaken and lead the Italian people in this, their hour of decision, and that "the boot", will perform its legitimate function.

I wonder, as the time for congress to reconvene draws near, if our astute representatives will hasten to reapeal the Chinese Exclusion Act.

The Chinese have proved fitness to be placed on equality with citizens of other nations against whom no exclusion act was ever passed. The designated quota is small and we shall not be discommoded by the presence of our friends, the Chinese, especially when we have returned a few boat loads of Japs to their, oh so sorry land of the declining sun. The Chinese exclusion act has fulfilled its mission—if it ever had one, in the light of present day events and increasing understanding and tolerance, it clanks its chains and gibbers. It should be relegated to the limbo of oblivion—at once.

I wonder why so many people seem intent upon making a bogie man of Marshall Stalin. What if he doesn't attend the conferences? You wouldn't go dashing off to a director's meeting if your house was on fire—now would you?

Uncle Silas says: "I don't know about the little high heeled boots; but I venture to assert that one might find a plaster cast of Mussolini's outstanding chin in Mayor La-Guardia's chamber of horrors." —A. Merriam Conner

## FDR'S BEWILDERMENT

In his last radio talk, the president said:

"I confess that I myself am sometimes bewildered by conflicting statements that I see in the press. One day I read an 'authoritative' statement that we shall win the war this year, 1943—and the next day comes another statement equally 'authoritative' that the war will still be going on in 1949."

The president could have given plenty of additional examples of this confusion.

But it should be remembered that the newspaper reporters do not make up these conflicting statements. They merely do an honest reporting job of telling what those in power in Washington have to say. It is discouraging to the press to have to report one day that gasoline rationing will be relaxed and the next day that it will tightened. But it is the duty of the press to publish both reports if both come from men who are supposed to be in authority.

It is obvious, therefore, that confusion in newspaper headlines will end on the same day that Washington officials end their disagreements and reach an accord on problems which are of interest to the public.

## POST-WAR IDEAS NEEDED

In Washington, in most of the major cities, and among industrial groups there are countless committees and organizations which are working on the complicated subject of post-war planning. What plan will win out and how the plans of various groups will be correlated is still a question, but in all the post-war planning there is a notable absence of suggestions coming from farm and rural areas.

When the war is over, the prosperity of the nation may well hinge on the working arrangement that is set up between industry and the farmers, and the government and farmers. If the post-war plans are worked out to give farmers the opportunity to operate at a reasonable profit the possibilities of a major depression will be lessened.

Since farmers, and the small businesses in rural areas, will play such an important part in determining post-war conditions, it is essential that they give more thought than they have given so far to the problem of what they want and what they can reasonably expect after the war.

## John Figurski Home On Vacation

John Figurski, a former Nevada City carpenter, is down from Hanford, Washington on a two weeks vacation, Hanford is located on the Columbia River in a prosperous fruit country about 80 miles south of Wenatchee.

He is employed in the construction, just getting under way, of barracks to house some 30,000 men. A large factory is reportedly to be erected, supposedly for the DuPonts, although for what purpose has not been divulged.

Mr. Figurski is disposing of his new home here on Niven's Lane and he and his family will depart for the new camp as soon as arrangements have been completed.

## "THE LITTLE BLACK HEN"

"Said the little red rooster, 'Gosh all hemlock, things are tough,
Seems that worms are getting scarcer, and I cannot get enough,
What's become of all those fat ones is a mystery to me,
There were thousands through that rainy spell, but now where can they be?

"The old black hen that heard him didn't grumble or complain,
She had gone through lots of dry spells, she had lived through floods of rain,
So she flew up on the grindstone, and she gave her claws a whet
As she said, 'I've never seen the time there weren't worms to get.'

"She picked a new and undug spot; the earth was hard and firm,
The little rooster jeered 'New ground! That's no place for a worm.'
The old black hen just spread her feet and dug both fast and free
'I must go to the worms,' she said, 'the worms won't come to me.'

"The rooster vainly spent his day, through habit, by the ways,
Where fat round worms had passed in squads back in the rainy days.
When nightfall found him supperless, he growled in accents rough,
'I'm hungry as a fowl can be. Conditions sure are tough!'

"He turned then to the old black hen and said, 'It's worse with you,
For you're not only hungry, but you must be tired too.
I rested while I watched for worms, so I feel pretty perk;
But how are you, without worms too, and after all that work?'

"The old black hen hopped to her perch and dropped her eyes to sleep
And murmured in a drowsy tone, 'Young man hear this and weep,
I'm full of worms and happy, for I've dined both long and well,
The worms are there as always—but I had to dig like Hell."

Tom Hogan who has been stationed at Camp Abmott, Oregon, is spending a few days in Nevada City visiting his mother and sisters. He has been released and is now in the army reserve and is being sent to Happy Camp by the government to work in a mine there. He can be called to service at any time the government needs him. After completing the local schools he spent several years in Alleghany employed in mining.

Mrs. Minerva Wright and Mrs. Breese are enjoying a vacation at Mrs. Wright's summer home at Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. G. Muscardini is visiting her granddaughter, Miss Joyce Henwood and other relatives in the bay region.

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"fooled" is beginning to wake up. They slowly discover we cannot spend ourselves rich. There is still a strong hangover of those who do believe it, perhaps enough to give President Roosevelt one more term, but in general the tax collector is disabusing all minds of this great illusion.

We need men in congress who will grapple with this huge national debt when the war ends, realistically and determinedly. Voters must renounce their demand for government pie if we are to escape national bankruptcy. As a rule we think Republican administrations have generally been more economical and businesslike than Demicratic administrations, but the New Deal used both Republicans and Democrats to plunge this country into colossal debt.

We have come to the pass that we will support either Democrats or Republicans, who promise to try to get us out of this hole, and mean it. We think the time is here when every candidacy for any federal office should be weighed carefully against our desperate need of first rate ability among our executives and lawgivers.

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# FOOD FOR FREEDOM Farm WAR NEWS

### WAR BOARD FROM NEVADA COUNTY USDA

**MORE WAGE CEILINGS LIKERLY**

Wage stabilization in the production and harvesting of California tomatoes and possibly other crops now appears likely, as a result of increasing grower support for government ceilings, according to the Nevada County USDA War Board. At a series of public hearings held last week by the California Agricultural Wage Board, in major commercial tomato-growing areas, virtually all growers who appeared expressed approval of wage ceilings as necessary to prevent the "pirating" or labor and to keep production costs in line with commodify prices fixed by ceilings or contracts.

A proposal for establishing ceilings in connection with tomato labor is now under consideration by the War Food Administration recommendations made at last week's hearings, and is expected to be announced within a short time. It was recommended that ceilings be established on a piece-work basis, allowing a premium for labor in low-producing fields and for "clean-up" work at the end of the season. County USDA War Boards would be responsible for administration of the ceiling and would be empowered to authorize exceptions to meet unusual situations.

Agricultural wage stabilization was tried out for the first time in the United States in connection with the harvesting of canning asparagus in the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta area, and despite the fact that ceilings were established late in the season, their operation was generally satisfactory, according to the War Board. Similar ceilings are under consideration for labor in the harvesting of grapes and cotton.

**"EARLY BIRDS" GET THE PREMIUM**

Turkeys marketed early in the season to fill urgent needs for overseas shipments to provide holiday feasts for American troops on world battle-fronts will command a premium of 3 1-2 cents a pound in August, 2 cents in September, and one cent in October under OPA price regulations.

The recent food distribution order which places an embargo on all sales of turkeys except to government agencies does not restrict the market for growers, but rather provides a larger-than-normal outlet for all birds that can be marketed early in the season, according to information reaching the war board. Any established handler of turkeys can arrange to sell dressed birds of almost any grade or class to authorized government buyers but a grower who sells turkeys should satisfy himself that the person to whom he is selling is an authorized buyer or is selling to an authorized buyer.

Purpose of the embargo is to provide 10 million pounds of turkey meat for early processing for overseas shipment. The embargo will be lifted as soon as the required volume of meat is obtained. Inasmuch as this amount is only about 2 per cent of the record turkey crop being raised this year, the embargo should be lifted in plenty of time to provide normal supplies to civilians well in advance of the Thanksgiving season.

Young turkeys from 5 to 6 pounds are being used by the army to a limited extent, and a number of low grade and light birds are being purchased by the War Shipping Administration. Growers or handlers having turkeys which cannot be disposed through either of these channels can make arrangements for other disposition through the Food Distribution Administration at San Francisco.

**LESS GRAIN, MORE HAY**

California will produce about 15 per cent less feed grains than in 1942, but hay production will be up about 10 per cent from last year, according to the August 1 report of the Federal-State Marketing Service. The report also shows material increases in the production of flaxseed, rice, beans and potatoes, and decreases for cotton and sugar beets.

**BITS AND PIECES**

Individuals may give away up to 50 quarts of home canned foods per year, but must collect blue ration points at the rate of 8 points per quart (4 points per pound) for any canned foods sold. Points should be turned in at the local War Price and Rationing Board, but no written report need be made. It is estimated that American consumers waste approximately 15 per cent of the food they buy, enough to feed an army of 15,000,000 men. One of the best crops of all is War Bond. Three dollars "planted now bring an immediate yield of war materials, plus a later "harvest" of four dollars worth of post-war security. Under the new licensing program effective August 15, slaughter quotas for August remain the same as those previously in effect, but adjustments will become effective September 1 and October 1.

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Usually the work is just patrolling the shores of a lake and watching the water level at the gauge tower.

Today I keep a sharp vigilance for forest fires, do airplane spotting and make doubly sure that logs and twigs and brush do not move down the lake to the forebay surge chamber and cause a powerhouse turbine to shut down. That must not happen in wartime when electric power generating plants must operate full time.

I know what a shut-down would mean because I can see electricity in use in the valley below. There are lights in farm dwellings, little clusters of lights in the valley towns, bigger clusters of lights in more distant cities.

I know, too, that electric power from the plant below my lake goes down to food packing plants, to shipyards, to factories and to army and navy bases, vital to our victory.

Then I remember the day when some of the young men from the power plant below came up to my forebay to shoot ducks. These young men are shooting down Zeros and Messerschmidts today. I remember, too, when I showed young men where the big fish were in the pools of the mountain streams near here. I know these men are out to get bigger and more dangerous fish today.

These things make me wish I were younger. I would be one of the young men fighting. But I realize I can't. I am going to stick here and try to be the best lake tender in the world. That is how I can best help win the war.

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A chaplain, a priest and a rabbi—
Protestant—Catholic—Jew—
Three Yanks in three simple caskets—
Three colors, red, white and blue.
A hush on a tropic island
As notes from a bugle fall—
Three rituals slowly chanted—
Three faiths in a common call!

A lad from the Bronx, another
Who joined up in Tennessee;
A third one from far Waukegan—
A typical bunch, those three!
A crash in a naval airplane
A rush to its crumpled side
And near by old Glory marking
The reason the trio died.

They answered a call to duty
From church and from Synagogue—
From hillside and teeming city
Three names in a naval log!
Each raised in his separate concepts—
Each having his form to pray—
But all for a faith triumphant
When rituals fade away!

A prayer in Latin phrases—
And one with more ancient lore;
A Protestant simple service—
All one on a distant shore!
"Qui tollis peccata mundi"
And "Enter ye unto rest"
A blessing from ancient Moses.
For three who had met the test!

This is the story mighty
Making our sinews strong:
Boys from the many altars
Warring on one great wrong!
This is the nation's power,
This is its suit of mail;
Land where each narrow bigot
Knows that he can't prevail!

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**MAJOR WALLACE TO SPEAK**

Major Geral B. Wallace of Auburn will address the Grass Valley Lions Club at their meeting Thursday evening on "How to Handle Guns in Hunting and Home Defense." Program chairman will be Del F. Powell. Sportsmen are specially invited guests for the occasion.

Major Wallace, a graduate of the Nevada City High School, is serving as military instructor at Placer Junior High School and Placer High School.

**SEEKS LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Carmen Colvin, through her attorney, Lynne Kelly, filed a petition for letters of administration in the estate of her late husband, Thomas Colvin, deceased May 30th. She asks that the estate be set aside for her use. Value of the estate is given as $2,500, consisting largely of Grass Valley real estate.

**MARRIAGE**

GATES-PACE — In Nevada City, Nevada County, August 21, 1943, Edward Clifford Gates, 22, U. S. Army and Mary Elizabeth Pace, 21, Chicago.

Mono Lake, sometimes the "Dead Sea of America" is twelve miles long and eight miles mide and has no outlet.

# PERHAPS ICKES HAS AN ANSWER TO THIS ONE

In a recent editorial the Arkansas Gazette discusses the national debt, under the title, "We Can't Buy Groceries With Mr. Ickes Statistics."

By the simple process of estimating the country's physical assets as worth more than $12,000,000,000,000 (yes, trillions) "raw, at a forced sale," Interior Secretary Ickes makes the present national debt of $140,000,000,000 (only billions this time) look like next to no debt at all.

This is said to be "the first computation ever made," of the physical wealth of the United States. The World Almanac shows, however, that in 1922 the Census Bureau undertook to tot up the various items, and same out with a total of only 320 billions. Quite a jump from that figure to 12 trillions in only 20 years, half of them embraced in the severest economic depression known to history. But of course to offset the depression we had the New Dealer discovery that you can borrow and spend yourself rich—if you keep at it long and hard enough. (Unfortunately war came before we had got the job completed, so we shall never know.)

It should be comforting to think that we are worth all those trillions collectively and $89,000 per capita. It should be especially comforting to the man who has only 89 cents in his pocket, if he could find a way to lay hands on the remaining $88,999.11. But this cabinet member assures us that the whole amount is there, in each individual's proportionate share of America's public and private utilities, forests, farms, manufacturing industries, petroleum deposits, water power, public and private buildings (try to buy a cup of coffee with your share of the White House property), coal, iron and other minerals. And Mr. Ickes wrote in the American Magazine that

"This is my answer to the 'poor mouths' who are complaining that the war is going to bust us and that we shall leave our children penniless. Put our national debt and the total cost of the war against the wealth that lies in and on the ground of the United States and Alaska and our obligations would look like the Sunday school collection plate of the Swampland church on a bad day."

Somebody has said that you can't eat statistics. Neither can you pay for wars and pay off tens of billions of bond issues with statistical wealth. You have to use money, money the people earn day by day through their labor. The complaint is not that the war will bust the nation and leave the next generation penniless, but that the cost of the war will impose on the people burdens that will be heavy in proportion to their means. The man who must manage after the war to support his family, educate children and keep out of tax delinquency on $100 a month out of Mr. Ickes' 12 trillion dollars.

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# GOD'S COUNTRY

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to any extent but rather were enlargements of existing raises along the sides of which this sampling discloses rather amazing values.

Admittedly there are thousands of tons of commercial ore available in the Gaston and Gambrinus just as soon as higher prices for gold make mining more attractive. The Gaston vein is on a contact of granite and slate, while the Gambrinus a smaller vein and a richer one, is in the granite and has not been developed at the drain tunnel level.

The Ethel Mine, two miles north of the river and 2500 feet higher, was operating in 1903 under Al Maltman, who carried on for six or seven years. Tom Reynolds, who is in the construction business in this city, was millman at the time. He states that the average monthly cleanup was $8000 to $9000 from a shoot of ore 300 feet long, above the tunnel level, with a small crew of men. A shaft was started to bottom this shoot but was abandoned at 60 feet because the compressor capacity was not sufficient to handle the water. Steam, converted to electric, was the power used.

The Arctic Group on Canyon Creek embraces some 8 veins which have the same general trend as those of the Eagle Bird and Yuba, a mile and a half south. The Washington Chief, of this group, was worked in the '90s by Harry Stowe when all supplies had to be brought in over a rough trail on mule back. He sunk a shaft 180 feet deep with a horse whim and took out pay ore, as can be proven by the dump samples, but he was handicapped by the inacessibility of the mine before the road to the Arctic was built.

The croppings of the Arctic vein 700 feet above the canyon, sample from $4 to $50 and from a 200 foot tunnel ran by Henry Kohler when he had to pack whatever was necessary up a trailless maze of loose boulders, he took out ore which ran as much as $10 a pound.

A cross cut tunnel from Canyon Creek has been driven into the hill for a thousand feet and from it some drifting has been done along what is supposed to be the Arctic vein, but there is considerable doubt as to its identity as no raises have been run to verify it.

Up Canyon Creek in an extremely rough area I have taken samples from an outcrop which assayed $9 and no work has ever been done on it.

Two years ago a Nevada company took over the Cosmopolitan and erected a small mill. From the tunnel within a few months they gouged out an ore shoot 4 feet thick that ran as high as $48 a ton. In the meantime they did no development whatever in order to find new ore. Obviously if this method of mining was followed generally there would be no deep mines anywhere at all.

The situation at the Arctic was rather unusual owing to the fact that the company was a cooperative affair in which many people of Los Angles and vicinity were interested. For many years the only underground advancement was by contract to perform the annual work. Some of the shareholders were unable to keep up their end and the real burden fell on two or three who had to shoulder all, with the result that work was much curtailed.

In the meantime, however, the company had completed in 1914 a 6600 volt hydro-electric plant and had installed a large compressor, all operated by free water from Canyon Creek. The plant still stands, together with office building and boarding house in good condition awaiting better days for mining. It is now owned by L. F. Utter of Los Angeles.

There are a number of other properties within this area which have not worked beyond the state of prospects. It will be noted that the most persistent mines, yielding the greatest values; those that have made history in the district, like the Eagle Bird, the Yuba, the Blue Bell, Gaston and Garbrinus are either on the granite-slate contact or entirely within the granite.

Of course, there are exceptions—like the Ancho-Erie, for instance, which, while it is in the slate belt has recently opened under the management of Fred H. Anderson, a 16 foot vein of excellent milling ore, while driving a lower tunnel from Poorman Creek. This tunnel is some 500 feet below the old workings and should develop several thousand tons of commercial ore which will be available at the war's end. The company are now building a new road along Poorman Creek from the Spanish Mine which will be an all winter road.

Washington itself was a flourishing village in 1867 although at that time practically all mining was confined to placering along the river and the bars above it.

A large number of Chinese had already settled there attracted by the gold in the gravels. They were expert at cleaning bedrock and would lease ground already worked by the whites and in their meticulous way worked the crevices to bring forth more of the precious metal. Great numbers of Chinese were thrown out of employment when the Central Pacific railroad had been completed in 1867. They had been imported on contract labor from China.

In the '80s Washington and vicinity was headquarters for perhaps a thousand miners. It had 19 saloons, two hotels and other stores and had two competing stage lines to Nevada City.

Harking back to the better days along the Yuba, the hydraulic mining camps played their part in the general prosperity of the time. High above Washington on the ridge to the south sat the little town of Omega, and when hydraulic mining was declared out of order after the Sawyer decision in 1884, it was a lively place with 200 or more people. It had competing stage lines, a hotel, two stores and a Masonic Chapter of its own.

Omega had earned a name for itself by producing from its gravels during the '70s f.rom $110,000 to $120,000 a year. For many years after it continued to yield some of the coarsest nugget gold to be found anywhere in the west. It has been operated almost continually ever since and would be working today under normal conditions. The site of the old town has been washed away these many years, for it stood on pay gravel.

Alpha was rather a small community which owed its existence to a narrow neck of gravel that had resisted erosion under the lava cap. About a mile and a half west of Omega it was separated from that camp by the canyon of Scotchman Creek. A road from Washington was built to serve the diggings. Originally a toll road, it was somewhat longer than the Phelps Hill road but had no particular advantage in grade.

The old road builders figured on connecting two places in the shortest distance possible. Sixteen feet rise in a hundred seemed to be popular; sometimes it was 10 and 20. On the old road from Colfax to Iowa Hill I have checked slopes of 22 per cent.

The Eagle Bird Co. built a road up the south side of the Yuba that placed it within 11 miles of Emigrant Gap. It was so steep that a dashboard was necessary to keep manure out of the buggy.

Alpha is perhaps better remembered by Nevada Countyans as the birthplace of Emma Nevada, the famous singer. The site of the old house is still undisturbed. Emma came to Nevada City and sang for us, as nearly as I can remember in 1902. She tried to please the audience by singing some of the old familiar songs, but we paid $3 to hear her.

Summing up the situation in this promising field of future mining—along the ridge particularly — the question naturally arises as to why this area has been so neglected in the past. There are several contributing causes. Perhaps the worst is the so-called "rotten granite" or slacked granite, which runs almost like quicksand in the presence of water.

This danger might be illustrated in the fate that befell one Jack Driscoll in the old Boston Tunnel on the Rainbow Claim. The face of the tunnel had been breastboarded and Driscoll had been sent in with a Chinese carman. He had never worked in this kind of ground, so he foolishly took an axe and chopped into the boarding, which had in the meantime impounder a lot of water and running ground behind it. The bulkhead gave way so quickly that he was buried alive before he could escape and when he was dug out he still clutched a piece of the Chinaman's jumper, but the Chinaman, being on the outside of the car managed to escape.

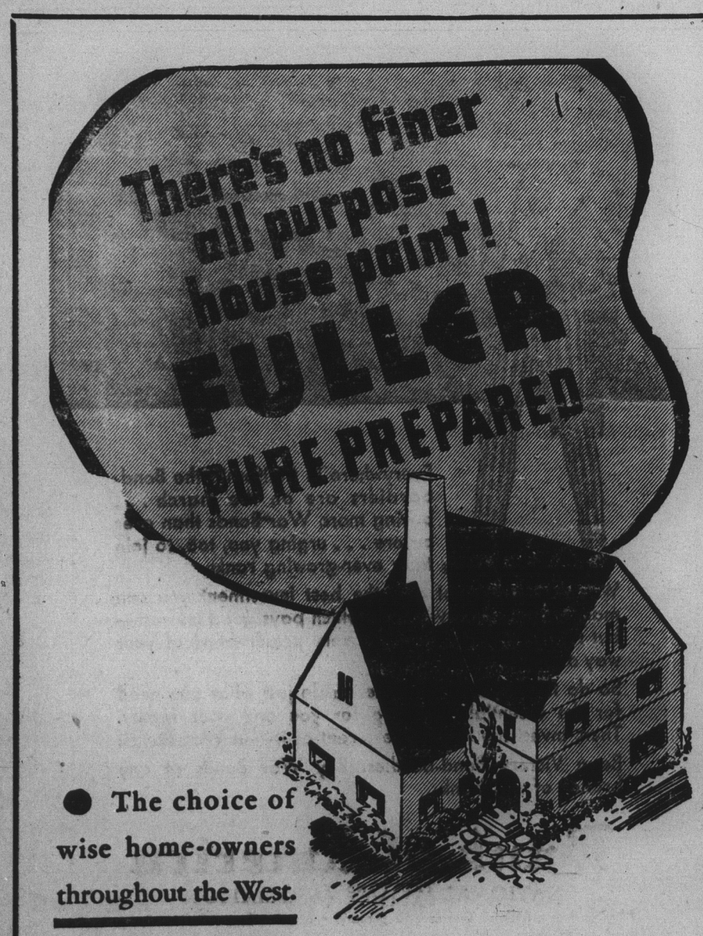
To work ground of this character it is necessary to first drain off the water and this is no problem because the whole ridge can be most economically worked through adit tunnels.

Water power which was formerly available from the Bloomfield ditch and from the river under heads to operate Pelton wheels is now of the past on account of disuse and the appropriation of the water by power companies. Diesel engines had not been perfected and steam was inconvenient and costly. Compressors, drills, milling methods have gone through changes that have kept pace with everything else these last 40 years.

The days of mucking down a flat stope by strong arm methods is also of the past and in its place we have the tugger hoist and power scraper which, under the proper distribution of raises and stopes, there seems to be no limit to its use.

Geologically, if there were any question as to the permanance of these veins in depth, the answer would be a cross section of the eroded canyon of the Yuba 2500 feet below the highest outcrop, together with some 900 feet of shaft at the river, which should answer that.

That there is untold wealth remaining under the Gaston Ridge and in the depths below the river on these many fissure veins is beyond argument to anyone who will take the trouble to investigate the past history of this region. Let us hope that at the war's end and with a forthcoming boost in the price of gold "God's Country" will regain its old tradition of wealth and prosperity.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# Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martz of near Arcata are spending this week end in their home on the Murchie road. Mr. Martz is employed in mining war minerals.

T. Angiolini of Boulder street is now working in the Southern Pacific shops at Colfax, driving back and forth to work each day. He resigned recently from bus driving for the company after holding that position for the past eight years.

Miss Ida Pratti returned to San Francisco Sunday after enjoying a week's vacation in Nevada City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratti.

Mrs. Elton Tobiassen, who has been visiting her father and mother in law, left Friday for Winchester Bay, Oregon, to join her husband who has just completed attending petty officers school. Mrs. Carl Tobiassen, Jr. hase returned to her home in San Bernardino after spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woods and husband's parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Carl J. Tobiassen.

Everett Angove, who entered the armed services in February from Nevada City, is now stationed at Pendelton Air Base, Oregon, a member of the quartermaster's dept. He is home on short furlough. Phillip Angove, his brother is stationed in Casa Blanca, Morocco. He is in the medical corps of the U. S. Navy.

O. F. Tonella came up from San Francisco to enjoy his vacation which lasts until September 3. He is now in the employ of the U. S. Immigration Service in San Francisco. His wife is also employed by the federal government.

Among those spending the week end in Nevada City from the U. S. forest service camp at Sierraville were Louie Savio, Elton Davies, Pack Williams and Ed Martine.

The birthdays of Will Jeffery and son, Pvt. Charles Jeffrey of MsClellann Field, were celebrated on Sunday at the Jeffrey home at Town Talk with a delightful dinner. Also present for the happy affair were W. Jeffrey's sister in law, Mrs. Ida Guenther of Nevada City and niece, Mrs. Clay Epperson and son of Bakersfield.

# RATION FACTS FOR CONSUMERS

By MRS H. E. KJORLIE
LOCAL BOARD

Stoves—Rationing of all domestic cooking and heating stoves will go into effect August 24th. All dealers and distributors must register on September 1, 2 or 3 at local boards on Form R-902 in triplicate. They must provide, in their registration statement, the number of stoves in their inventory.

Shoes—A shoe stamp may be detached from a ration book and sent with a mail order only if the customer, or his agent, does not personally select or receive the shoes at the supplier's place of business.

Blue Stamps—R, S and T validated August 1st, will be good through September 20. U, V, and W to be validated September 1st will remain good for buying processed foods through October 20th, so that customers will have six sets of blue stamps with which to buy processed foods.

Red tamps (Book II) X valid August 22-October 2; Y valid August 20-October 2, Z valid September 5-October 2.

Brown Stamps (Book III) A will become valid September 12th. Other stamps will become valid successive Sundays, and will expirt on the Saturday nearest the end of the month.

Institutional Users—Institutional users must confine their meat servings to .93 per meal. The local board has no authority to voluntarily increase allotments unless there has been a 10% increase in business. Boards will not deduct from the September-October allotment any supplemental allotments given institutional users during the past 3 periods.

Before issuing the September-October allotment, it will be necessary to go through the complete file of each institutional registrant and correct any such errors which may be found.

Gasoline Ration Books—Old type B and C books will be called in for review and reissuance by the boards on or after August 23rd. All gas ration books must be returned to the local board not later than five days after a car is sold.

### DEATH

HART—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, August 21, 1943, Mrs. Katherine Hart, mother of Mrs. Beatrice Jacka of Grass Valley, Mrs. Eleanor Donahue of Oakland, California, Mrs. Marion Kneebone of Berkeley, and Mrs. Florence Downs of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County, a native of Pennsylvania, aged 65 years. Funeral services August 23, 1943, in Grass Valley; interment in the Elm Ridge Cemetery.


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*U. S. Treasury Department*


### NETZ BOYS IN U. S. NAVY

Visitors at the Lugwig Netz home Saturday were their sons, Carl and Louie Netz, who are both on leave from the U. S. Navy and their wives. Louie Netz is just home from the Sicilian campaign and home on a 30 day leave. His wife resides in San Francisco and they are enjoying part of the time here with his parents. Carl Netz, on a 15 day leave is visiting his wife in Grass Valley. He has just returned from a five month course at Camp Perry, Virginia. Before returning to service the young man and wives will visit their two sisters and families who reside in Martinez.

### LADY JANE MANOR SOLD

Lady Jane Manor, one of Nevada County's show places has been sold by William J. Ross to Leonard Redman, Inc. The consideration as indicated by revenue stamps on the deed was $30,000, approximately.

Harold Robinson, insurance man of Grass Valley, first purchased the property and improved it with a large residence and other buildings some 15 years ago. The holding includes vineyards, orchards and pasture lands and is situated on the Grass Valley-Auburn Highway about 8 miles west of Grass Valley.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Thus far 147 service men have taken out absentee ballots from the county clerk's office. Of this number 14 have been returned, for the special election for Representative in the Second Congressional District. This is regarded as an indication that the soldier vote in the 18 counties of the district will be light. August 26th is the last day such ballots may be obtained.

### DEATH

ELFDAHL—In Downieville, Sierra County, August 19, 1943, Olaf Elfdahl, a native of Sweden, aged 74 years. Funeral services August 21, 1943, in Nevada City, Nevada County; interment in Pine Ridge Cemetery.


*Quoted from a letter...*

"My conscience hurts me today.

"When I was washing up before getting off the train this morning, I learned that six sailors and three soldiers had sat up all night. These men were making this trip under orders—yet there was no sleeping space available for them.

"When I think of the effort you of Southern Pacific, along with other railroads, are making to care for our service men—and then remember that I obtained a berth that should have gone to a service man—it humiliates me. I was due back for a War Bond meeting today and at the time it seemed important. But compared with taking accommodations away from soldiers and sailors my presence here was highly unessential.

"It has been a good lesson for me. Hereafter I shall travel only when I know I'm not depriving service men of sleeping space . . ."

**How's YOUR conscience today?**

The letter quoted here came from a western newspaper editor and publisher. This man has a conscience that can't be lulled to sleep by easy self-reassurances.

We hope many other prospective travelers will listen to the "still small voice" of their conscience when it asks questions like these:

How much business and how much pleasure are involved in the train trip I plan? Is it really important for me to visit those relatives back East this war year? Couldn't I get just as much rest and relaxation a little closer to home?

Today the railroad is hard-pressed to find space for essential travelers: People whose trip must be made to keep business and war production going . . . Service men on well-deserved furloughs, possibly the last before combat duty . . . Parents going to visit their son when the latter can't get away from his post. When people travel for pleasure, or other non-essential reasons, they prevent such deserving travelers from getting on the train. Yes, we sincerely mean it when we say: "Don't take the train unless your trip is really NECESSARY."

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